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SUBJ: TRADE BILL: HKG CONCERN OVER SECTION 606

REF: STATE 220962

1. INFORMATION FROM REFTEL WAS PASSED TO JIMMY MC GREGOR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. IN A REPLY RECEIVED TODAY BUT DATED OCTOBER 11, I.E. TWO DAYS AFTER WE POSTED THIS INFORMATION, MR. MC GREGOR ASKED FOR A READING ON HOW THE USG ASSESSES HONG KONG'S DRUG PROBLEM. QUOTE MY PARTICULAR INTEREST HOWEVER (WEARING MY DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, PREVENTIVE SERVICE HAT) IS THE REFERENCE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES BY BENEFICIARY TERRITORIES. WE THINK WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE (AND PRETTY EFFECTIVELY) IN THIS DIRECTION AND THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THIS FACT IF IT IS DRAWN INTO QUESTION. BUT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US TO BE MADE AWARE THAT THAT IS THE VIEW TAKEN BY THE U.S. AUTHORITIES AT THE PRESENT TIME. IF THERE ARE (UNDERLINED) ANY DOUBTS ABOUT OUR ANTI- NARCOTICS EFFECTS IN REGARD TO TRAFFIC WITH THE U.S. WE SHOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT THEM. UNQUOTE

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2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MCGREGOR HAS AN EX OFFICIO INTEREST

IN THE EFFECTIVELESS OF THE HKG NARCOTICS INTERDICTION PROGRAM, HE IS EQUALLY, IF NOT MORE, INTERESTED IN ANY NARCOTICS FALLOUT THAT MIGHT AFFECT HONG KONG'S ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP. MCGREGOR PRIVATELY VOICED HIS CONCERN BACK WHEN THE HOUSE ADDED SECTION 606. EVEN THOUGH THE REFTEL INDICATES THAT THE SFC HAS DELETED 606, WE BELIEVE MCGREGOR FEARS IT COULD CONCEIVABLY POP UP AGAIN IN CONFERENCE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR REPLYING TO MCGREGOR'S QUERY.
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